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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: COVID-19 and Anticipated Impacts Work and Schedule;
Notice of Potential for Force Majeure

Dear Ms. Stoy:

On behalf of Respondents Cotter Corporation (N.S.L.) and Bridgeton Landfill, LLC ("Respondents"), we write to provide written notice of the potential for a force majeure event under the terms of the Administrative Settlement and Order on Consent ("ASAOC") for Operable Unit 3 ("OU-3") at the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (the "Site"), due to the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the likelihood that those impacts may extend to the obligations under the ASAOC despite Respondents' best efforts. This letter supplements the oral notice that was provided on March 24, 2020.

Pursuant to Section XVIII of the OU-3 ASAOC, this written notice provides information regarding those potential impacts. Respondents will supplement this notice as more information becomes available regarding the nature, scope, and duration of potential COVID-19 impacts.

Reasons for the potential delay: The COVID-19 pandemic has led multiple Federal, State, and local governments, including governments in the Site area and areas where key members of the OU-3 project teams live and work, to impose mandates limiting travel and work in offices and groups. These various restrictions are anticipated to potentially delay some elements of the Work as defined in the ASAOC, and particularly those that require specialized office equipment, field work, contact with local agencies to acquire access for installation and sampling of offsite monitoring wells, or meetings with agencies. These impacts in turn may delay preparation of some deliverables, including but not limited to preparation of the Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study and its predecessor deliverables and field work, although no such delay is known with certainty at this time.

Anticipated duration of the delay: The anticipated duration of any delays that may occur is currently unknown.

Actions taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize delay: Respondents and their contractors are exercising best efforts to fulfill their obligations under the ASAOC, including using best efforts to identify any potential events that would constitute a force majeure and best efforts to address the effects of any potential force majeure so that the delay and any adverse effects of the delay are minimized to the greatest extent possible. Such efforts include transitioning to

working remotely, expanded use of meetings via telephone and Web-based services, other forms of electronic communication, scheduling/rescheduling field work as soon as such work becomes feasible, and appropriately amending health and safety protocols in the field.

Schedule: Developing a new schedule is not yet appropriate, as Respondents are still not aware of any specific delay. We will continue to monitor the situation and alert you of changes that will impact the schedule.

As required under Section XVIII of the OU-3 AOC, we do not believe that the potential delays in work described above would cause or contribute to an endangerment to public health or welfare or the environment and will update this assessment as more specific information becomes available.

Since Respondents are not certain of any specific delay, no supporting documents are currently available.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments on this notice.

Regards,

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